

Honorable James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a )  
Minnesota Corporation, )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. )  
EDNA PERKINS, an individual; TAAJ AVERY, an )  
individual; AJANI PERKINS, an individual; and )  
NORMA AVERY, an individual, )  
Defendants. )

CASE NO. 2:19-cv-01890-JLR

ORDER:

1) DISMISSING MINNESOTA LIFE  
AS INTERPLEADER PLAINTIFF;

AND

2) STAYING PROCEEDINGS TO  
ALLOW FOR MEDIATION.

This matter came before the court on the parties' joint motion 1) for an order dismissing Minnesota Life Insurance Company, with prejudice, as interpleader plaintiff from this lawsuit, and 2) to stay these proceedings to pursue mediation. Having reviewed the motion, and finding the parties have shown good cause for the requested relief,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED on the following terms and conditions:

1) Minnesota Life Insurance Company is DISMISSED from this lawsuit, with prejudice against any current or future claims by these defendants relating to the group life insurance

1 policy, Group Number 34457-G, issued to King County (DKT. #1). The following terms of this  
2 Order do not apply to plaintiff Minnesota Life Insurance Company.

3 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that:

4 2) The case is STAYED in its entirety for 120 days from the date of this order.

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6 3) Any currently-scheduled deadlines, pre-trial dates, conferences, or hearings are  
7 suspended. No new pleadings, motions, or claims of any kind may be filed by any party during  
8 the period of stay.

9 4) During the period of the stay, the defendants will file Joint Status Reports with the  
10 court every thirty days, beginning thirty days following the date of this Order.

11 5) Should the defendants come to a resolution of their disputes during this stay, they shall  
12 immediately notify the court.

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14 6) If, after 120 days from the date of this order, the defendants have not achieved a  
15 comprehensive settlement of their disputes, then, on or before that date, any defendant or all  
16 defendants may file a motion requesting an extension of the stay pending further alternative  
17 dispute resolution. Alternatively, on or before that date, all defendants will submit an agreed,  
18 proposed pre-trial schedule for the court's consideration and to resume these proceedings.

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20 DATED this 11th day of January, 2021.

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24 Judge James L. Robart  
25 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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